The losses have been due mainly to design deficiencies, equipment and power problems.

(c) Schemes have been drawn up for revamping and modernising the loss making units of FCI and HFC with a view to improving their operational efficiency Captive power plants, wherever considered necessary, have been either installed or are under installation with a view to avoiding production losses on account of power failure/instability.

**Flood-fed agriculture**

732. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any possibility of flood-fed agriculture for flood-prone areas of the country;

(b) whether any research on the flood-fed agriculture is being carried out in the country; and

(c) if the reply to part (b) above be in the affirmative, the results achieved so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Council is implementing an All India Coordinated Research Project for Diaraland Improvement since April, 1980 and at present the project is in operation in Assam (Brahmaputra Diara), Uttar Pradesh (Saryu and Rapti Diaras) and Bihar (Ganga Diara) One operational Research Project is also in operation since 1975 at Mungyer, Bihar (Ganga Diara) However, no specific Research Project for flood-fed agriculture in flood-prone areas is in progress.

At all the above centres suitable crop varieties of important crops like rice, wheat. maize, gram, toria, barley have been identified. The soils have also shown good response to application of optimum doses of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers. Water table being shallow, bamboo tubewell's installation has shown good promise in these areas. With the introduction of Bamboo tubewell double cropping is possible. With supplementary irrigation yield increases ranging from 50 to 100 per cent have been obtained in the Diara areas.

**HUDCO Loan for Housing Boards in Orissa**

733 SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given as loan by the HUDCO to Housing Boards, Improvement Trusts and Cooperative Housing Societies in Orissa during the year 1986 and 1987, Scheme-wise;

(b) whether there is any proposal with the HUDCO to give more financial assistance in this regard for Orissa; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) The Scheme-wise details of loan sanctioned by HUDCO to various Housing and Development Agencies in Orissa for the years 1986-87 and 1987-88 (Upto 31.10.1987) are given in the Annexure I & II. [*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No 24 and 25]

(b) and (c) At the beginning of every financial year, HUDCO allocates specific amount of loan to be sanctioned for each State/Union Territory based on its area, population etc For current year the allocation for Orissa State is Rs 10 90 Crores. Actual sanctions depends on receipt of schemes in accordance with